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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS: GUINEA-BISSAU

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1. I PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF STATE
LUIS CABRAL ON OCTOBER 31, 1977.

2. I BEGAN PRIVATE TALK FOLLOWING MY FORMAL STATEMENT BY
PRESENTING PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY TO HIS EARLIER LETTER CON-
GRATULATING U.S. ON PEACEFULL CONCLUSION OF PANAMA CANAL
NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT CABRAL THEN MADE A RELATIVELY FORMAL
REPLY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR GROWING U.S.-GUINEA-BISSAU
RELATIONS, USG ASSITANCE, AND HIS HOPE THAT DEVELOPING
RELATIONSHIP WOULD PROSPER IN COMING YEARS. HE BRIEFLY
REVIEWED SITUATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA-BISSAU--
"INDEPENDANCE IN OUR ONLY RESOURCE"-- AND PLACED IT IN
CONTEXT OF DEVELOPING AFRICA AND IMPORTANT ROLE USG AS THE
MAJOR WORLD POWER HAS TO PLAY IN AFRICA.

3. I REPEATED GENERAL OFFER OF FURTHER FOOD ASSISTANCE MEN-
TIONED IN MY FORMAL REMARKS AND CABRAL REPLIED THAT WE
WOULD TALK ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AFTER THIRD PARTY CONGRESS
(SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH AND PRESENTLY PREOCCUPYING
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GOGB TO EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHER SUBJECTS).

4. CABRAL ASKED HOW I WAS SETTLING IN AND GAVE ME OPPOR-
TUNITY TO MENTION PEACE CORPS WHEN HE MENTIONED THAT
AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING AND OTHER FACITLITES IN BISSAU FOR
DIPLOMATS AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL WAS SERIOUS
PROBLEM FOR GOERNMENT. I OUTLINED ADVANTAGES OF PCVS

IN THIS RESPECT BUT HE REMAINED NON-COMMITTAL. (I HAD USED SIMILAR APPROACH IN RAISING POSSIBILITY OF PEACE CORPS PROGRAM WHEN CALLING ON MOFA SEC GEN THE OTHER DAY AND GOT SAME CAUTIOUS AND ALMOST SUSPICIOUS REACTION. PEACE CORPS IS CLEARLY DELICATE SUBJECT WITH GOGB AND WILL REQUIRE TIME TO PREPARE GROUND. WE WILL REPORT LATER IN GREATER DETAIL ON POSSIBILITY OF INAUGURATING PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS IN GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE.)

5. IN SUM, CABRAL WAS FRIENDLY AND OPEN, EMPHASIZING HIS DESIRE TO BE COOPERATIVE AND TO EXPAND USG-GOGB RELATIONS.

6. CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM; INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS AS WELL AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SIGHING. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF COMMENT DURING CEREMONY THAT COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE, WITH WHOM U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS CONCENTRATED, WERE NOT PRESENT AS THEY HAD BEEN AT CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION OF AMBASSADOR WELLS, MOFA SEC GEN CORREA REPLIED TO EFFECT THAT PRESENCE THESE SPECIFIC PEOPLE WAS NOT INCIDENTAL AND THAT GOGB LOOKED FORWARD TO EXPANDING U.S. COOPERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

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